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MEMORANDUM

Date: September 17, 2010

To: Chief Executive Officer  
Chief Financial Officer

From: G. Alec Steele  
Director, Reimbursement Services  
Division of Financial Management

Subject: SFY 2011 DSH Update

In an effort to move up the time-frame for interim and final FY 2011 DSH payments to hospitals, the Hospital Advisory Committee recommended to the Department of Community Health that we begin the FY 2011 DSH payment data gathering process a little earlier this year. We are able to do this by continuing the FY 2010 DSH allocation method (Option #1) from the FY 2010 Myers & Stauffer DSH Options Model into the current fiscal year. By adopting the allocation method from last year, we avoid the typical delays associated with the public notice process and negotiating a new State Plan Amendment with CMS.

If you will go to the DCH link below, you will find the FY 2011 ICTF survey worksheet and the HS&Rs for hospital years 2009 (HS&R claims cut-off date of August 24, 2010) to begin the reporting process. As last year, hospitals have the option of requesting CMO HS&Rs from the CMOs directly or they may use self-reported CMO HS&R data. The due date for receipt by Myers & Stauffer of the completed survey and all related documents is midnight October 15, 2010.

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In order to avoid slippage in receiving and computing DSH allocations, we are going to hold to the October 15<sup>th</sup> due date with no exceptions. Those hospitals that are unable to comply with the submission date will not receive an interim DSH allocation. Since our interim DSH payments usually represent 50% of our annual DSH grant award, foregoing an interim DSH payment could have significant cash flow consequences.

**SFY 2011 DSH Interim Payments**

Again, we are asking that the DSH Payment Survey and all related physical and electronic documents be completed and received by Myers & Stauffer by October 15, 2010. Please mail completed surveys and supporting documentation to:

Myers and Stauffer LC  
ATTN: GA DSH  
11440 Tomahawk Creek Parkway

Leawood, Kansas 66211

The FY 2011 DSH Letter of Agreement should be downloaded from the following web site link.

[http://dch.georgia.gov/00/channel\\_title/0,2094,31446711\\_31959660,00.html](http://dch.georgia.gov/00/channel_title/0,2094,31446711_31959660,00.html)

Once it is completed, please retain a copy and mail the original to Ms. Smith at the address below prior to submitting your Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT) for public hospitals or prior to receipt to DSH funds for qualifying private hospitals.

Annetta Smith  
Program Director  
Georgia Department of Community Health  
2 Peachtree Street, NW  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-3159

If you have questions during the completion of the surveys, please contact Myers and Stauffer at (800) 374-6858 and indicate that you have a Georgia DSH question. If you prefer e-mailing your questions, you can contact Myers and Stauffer by e-mail at [gadsh@mslc.com](mailto:gadsh@mslc.com). If you have other questions feel free to contact me at 404-657-9541 or at [asteele@dch.ga.gov](mailto:asteele@dch.ga.gov).

Thank you for your cooperation in this important matter.

G. Alec Steele, Director  
Reimbursement Services